

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 890

By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Clint Jackson, Principal of Fairley High School in Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly recognize that there can be no greater influence on a child than that of a good teacher; and

WHEREAS, time spent in the classroom is an investment that will reap great dividends not only for the present, but for future generations as well; and

WHEREAS, Clint Jackson has generously shared his skills, compassion, and enthusiasm with the many valued students of Fairley High School as their Principal; under his tireless leadership, students have been encouraged to commit themselves to excellence, academic mastery, and high expectations; and

WHEREAS, by personal example, Clint Jackson has set a highly visible standard of citizenship for his students, earning the great respect and admiration of Fairley High School's students, faculty, staff, and parents; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Fairley High School community have many reasons to take pride in their school; a Blackboard Lesson Plan (BLP) is in place; the 80/80 Plus Intervention emphasizes and drives the Mastery Focus for student achievement; a \$10,000 Library Grant has been awarded to the school for book purchases and extended library hours; the Concerned Parents Organization-Too (CPO-Too) works to assist the Marching Band and on various school projects that help the entire student body; the football and choir Booster Clubs work to benefit their respective groups; students may elect to take AP English and AP Calculus; defeating some of the nation's top teams, the basketball team was successful on trips to Highland, Illinois, and Erie, Pennsylvania; and for the seventh year, Fairley High School's

JROTC has been chosen as the official color guard for both the Memphis and Shelby County mayors; and

WHEREAS, Fairley High School boasts an enrollment of 1,271 students and promotion rates of 82 percent with an average class size of thirty-one; moreover, fully 56 percent of the faculty have Master's or Doctoral Degrees, with ninety-eight percent having attained their State Teaching Certificate and License; and

WHEREAS, in the 2004-2005 school year, Fairley High School met or exceeded Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB); and

WHEREAS, committed to excellence, Fairley High School offers an innovative and effective array of academic programs to help students excel, including the Fairley Accelerated Program, Cambridge ACT Program, Teaching Essentials Workshop, Sylvan Reading Program, Drop Everything and Read, Drop Everything and Write, AVID, and Word for the Day; and

WHEREAS, Fairley High School has also partnered with corporations, including The Toy Store, Piccadilly Cafeteria, International House of Pancakes, and Hershey's Foods, to offer rewards and incentives for students on the academic, attendance, and citizenship honor rolls, as well as offering summer internships and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Principal Clint Jackson's message to the Fairley High School community is one of substance: "The responsibility of educating our future leaders and neighbors is monumental in scope. Our mission of ensuring that all of our students emerge as high achievers in order to become productive citizens and workers is demonstrated daily at the Home of the Bulldogs."; and

WHEREAS, in his many years in education and educational administration, Clint Jackson has, by his commitment, dedication, personal involvement, and enthusiasm for the success of each one of his students, exemplified the very best in teaching excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Clint Jackson for his outstanding record

as Principal of Fairley High School, and for his many years of dedicated and selfless service to the students under his care as an educator and administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank Clint Jackson for his commitment to the education of the youth of his community, his devotion to their best interests, and his many contributions to his community and to this State. We offer him our best wishes for every success in all his future endeavors and much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.